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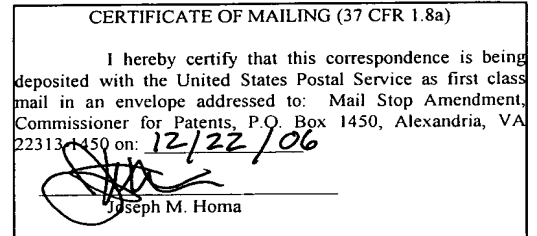
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Steven B. Dawes, et al.  
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Title : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PULSED DOPING OR  
DRYING A SOOT PREFORM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.